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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, the period for response to which having been extended three months, from November 12, 2003 to February 12, 2004, by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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